

# MY LITTLE CHILD'S FIRST COMMUNION



GOD LOVES TRUTH

BOOK TWO OF A SERIES OF SIX



# A LITTLE CHILD'S FIRST COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION TO THE SPIRITUAL WAY



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## BOOK TWO

STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE WHO LOVED TRUTH.

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*Book One Told Us That*

GOD IS THE GREAT GIVER OF LOVE  
FOR  
GOD IS ALL-LOVE.  
GOD IS ALSO ALL-TRUTH  
and  
HE IS THE GREAT GIVER OF TRUTH.

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*The Stories in Book Two*

are about people who loved God's Truth.  
And one of these stories will tell you  
about  
THE ONE WHO LOVED TRUTH  
MOST OF ALL.

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ONE DAY Tom's mother made some cookies. She asked Tom to take a plate of the cookies to his aunt who lived on another street. On his way to his aunt's house, Tom met some big boys. They took the cookies from him and ate them.

Tom returned home and told his mother what had happened. But when Tom's mother asked the big boys why they took the cookies, they said: "We did not take the cookies. Tom ate them."

This made Tom's mother feel very sad. For she thought Tom had told her something which was not the truth. And she said to him:

TOM  
AND  
HIS  
MOTHER



“Tom, you know that every day when we say the Act of Faith together, we tell God that we believe HE IS OUR FATHER and that He loves us.

“And I have taught you that GOD IS ALL-LOVE.

“Today I want you to learn that GOD IS ALSO ALL-TRUTH.

“And, Tom, God wants His Truth in every boy and girl as well as in every man and woman.

“He gives us of His Love and Truth at the time of our Baptism.

“And this gift helps us to act like ‘The God of Truth.’ It helps us to love truth and to be truthful.





“IT MAKES US GOD’S OWN CHILDREN.

“And God wants all of His children to keep His Love and Truth in them.

“You know how much I love you, Tom, but I would rather have you die now than grow to be a man who has not kept God’s Love and Truth in him.”

The big boys had told Tom’s mother that Tom was not truthful. But Tom was happy. For he knew that he was truthful. And he was sure that God knew it, too.

But Tom wanted his mother to be happy. So he asked God to make his mother know that

Tom  
Prayed  
to  
God

HE WAS A TRUE CHILD OF "THE  
GOD OF TRUTH"

AND THAT HE HAD NOT TOLD  
A LIE.



## A Test

1. Why was Tom's mother very sad?
2. What prayer did Tom and his mother say together every day?
3. What did Tom's mother say that she had taught him about God?
4. What else did Tom's mother want to teach him about God?
5. What gift does God give us at the time of our Baptism?
6. When do we become God's Own children?
7. Why was Tom happy even after the big boys had told a lie about him?



# GOD LOVES THE TRUTH

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CORNELIA S. CRANE

More than the world, God loves the truth,  
He loves the truth - ful child I know; And  
so I ask of God to - day To  
keep me truth - ful as I grow.

THE  
STORY  
OF  
OUR  
FIRST  
PARENTS

I

**T**HIS is a very important story.

The story tells about the first man and woman, Adam and Eve.

Their home was in a far-away country. The name of their home was Paradise. It was very beautiful.

All the people living upon the earth today and all the people who have ever lived upon the earth are the children of Adam and Eve. So we call this man and woman our first parents.

Our first parents were very holy. For God had given them of His Love and Truth.

They knew that they were the dear children of The Great Giver of Love and Truth.

They paid attention to God. And they loved Him. So all that they knew was good, beautiful and true.

AND THEY WERE VERY HAPPY.

This part of the story tells about our first parents when they were living in Paradise. Tell the story.

## II

But one sad, sad day our first parents did not pay attention to God. And when they did not pay attention to God, they believed something which was not true.





No  
Longer  
Holy

Then they did what they knew God did not want them to do. You see they did not give to God love and obedience. They disobeyed Him.

And after they had disobeyed God, everything was changed for them.

At that moment, first of all, they were

NO LONGER HOLY.

For they had turned away from the Great Giver of Love and Truth.

And, at once, they began to understand that they were

NO LONGER

THE DEAR CHILDREN

of The One Who is All-Love and All-Truth.

After that, they could not live in Paradise any longer.

And from that time on they suffered from hard work, heat, cold and sickness.

They suffered, too, because they knew that some day they must die.

Besides all this suffering, they wanted many things which they thought would make them happier. But very often these things were not what they had known in Paradise to be beautiful, good and true. And when they had them, they suffered still more.

This part of the story tells what happened to our first parents when they did not obey God. Tell the story.



### III

When our first parents gave to God their love and their obedience, God was pleased with them.

And they had God's blessing for themselves and for their children.

They were happy and their children would be happy too.

But when our first parents did not give to God their love and their obedience, they were very unhappy.

For then they did not have God's blessing.

ADAM WAS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY. And he had lost God's blessing

for his children as well as for himself.

So since that time, children do not have God's Love and Truth in them at the beginning of their lives.

That is why it was that when we were born, we did not have God's Love and Truth in us.

### AND THE WORDS "ORIGINAL SIN"

mean that we did not have God's Love and Truth in us at the beginning of our lives.

You have learned that after our first parents had disobeyed God, and were no longer holy, they had to suffer death. This suffering comes also to their children. For







all children of Adam and Eve must suffer death. And most of their children must suffer from sickness, hard work, heat or cold.

All of them suffer also because they want many things which they think would make them happier. But very often the things they want are not, for them, beautiful, good and true.

And like our first parents, when they have these things, they suffer still more.

This part of the story tells some of the ways Adam's children suffered because he,  
**THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY,  
DISOBEYED GOD.**

Tell the story.



## I

**T**HE STORIES in Book One told us that God is All-Good, that He is doing good things for us all the time, and that the very best thing He does for us is to give us of His Love.

Now, you have read our first parents' sad story. So you know why it was that everything was changed for them. And you know why it was that they were so unhappy.

No matter how hard they tried, they did not have the power to bring back the gift of having God's Love and

A  
PROMISE  
BY  
THE  
GOD  
OF  
TRUTH

“A  
Child  
Is  
Born  
to  
Us”

Truth in them. They knew they never would have this power.

AND THIS ONE THING  
WAS THE SADDEST OF ALL.

But God had pity on our first parents.  
And He was very, very good to them.

## II

You see, God did not want our first parents and you and me ever to forget that He is All-Good. So God did something which took away some of the sadness.

GOD MADE A PROMISE.

And all those who believed this Promise and tried to be true to God, had His blessing.

### III

God's Promise was that some day  
A CHILD WOULD BE BORN

Who would have greater power than any other child, or any man or woman who would ever live upon this earth.

A very holy man whom God let know many of His secrets once told us something about This Child.

This is what he said:

“A Child is born to us  
... and His Name  
Shall Be Called  
Wonderful ...  
THE PRINCE OF PEACE.”

“The  
Prince  
of  
Peace”

For  
He  
Would  
Love  
Us

The holy man spoke these words because he knew that

### THIS ONE CHILD

even when He was a little baby WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO OFFER TO GOD more than enough LOVE AND OBEDIENCE to make up for the turning away from God of our first parents and those who would come after them.

And when He grew to be a man, He would not be afraid to keep on offering His great love and obedience for us, even when He knew that this would mean for Him suffering and death. For He would love us.

HE WOULD DIE FOR US.



And he would find a way for all children of Adam and Eve TO HAVE GOD'S LOVE AND TRUTH IN THEM.



As you go on reading the stories in "A Little Child's First Communion," you will learn WHO HAD THE POWER to give God so much love and obedience and WHO WAS ABLE TO FIND A WAY for all children of Adam and Eve to have God's Love and Truth in them.

He  
Would  
Die  
for  
Us



Ask your father or mother to write your name in the blank space and to sign the page if you can answer all the questions in this test correctly.

## A Can - You - Tell Test

Do not answer these questions by only Yes or No. Tell some sentences from the book which will answer each question.

Can you tell why a boy or girl should want to be truthful?

Can you tell what God wants all of His children to have and to keep in them?

Can you tell what Tom did because he wanted his mother to be happy?

Can you tell why our first parents were happy in Paradise?

Can you tell what they did one sad day?

Can you tell how everything was changed for them and their children?

Can you tell what God did for our first parents which took away some of their sadness?

Can you tell what the words ORIGINAL SIN mean?

Can you tell what the story says about One Child?

..... can answer all the questions in this test correctly.



WHEN Adam and Eve had been dead for about a thousand years, there were many people living upon the earth.

And many of these people did wrong and wicked things. For they did not pay attention to God. And they did not have God's Love and Truth in them.

But God wanted people to pay attention to Him. And He wanted them to have and to keep His Love and Truth in them.

So from time to time God chose a few brave men. And He made them great and holy.

These great and holy men bravely told the people not to be so wicked.

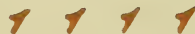
GREAT  
AND  
HOLY  
MEN



And they tried to make the people understand that they must do what God wanted them to do or they would never have God's blessing.

But most of the people would not pay attention to these great and holy men sent by God.

Tell this story to some one at home.



## A Test

Why did the people who would not pay attention to God do many wrong and wicked things?

What did God do to help the people to pay attention to Him once more?

What did God's great and holy men tell the people?

What did most of the people think about these holy men?

**T**HERE were many of these great and holy men sent by God, but John was the greatest of them all.

He lived for a long time in a desert.

Honey from wild bees and other things that he found in the desert were his only food. And his clothing was made of the skins of animals.

John was filled with God's Love and Truth, and after a while he began to teach the people.

He told them to be sorry for the bad things they had done. And he said that they should try to do good to poor people as often as they could.

THE  
GREATEST  
OF  
GOD'S  
HOLY  
MEN



Most of the men and women coming to listen to John thought that he must be the greatest and holiest teacher whom God would ever send to live upon this earth.

So they were much surprised when John told them that he was not the greatest and holiest teacher. For he said that God's Own Son was living upon the earth, and that He would soon begin to teach.

He would be The Greatest and Holiest Teacher. And through His Power, God's Love and Truth would be given to the people.

The king of the country where John was teaching did not believe in God. So he did not love Him. The king was a very



bad man. And John told him that some of the deeds that he was doing were very wicked. Then the king was angry and told the soldiers to take John to prison.

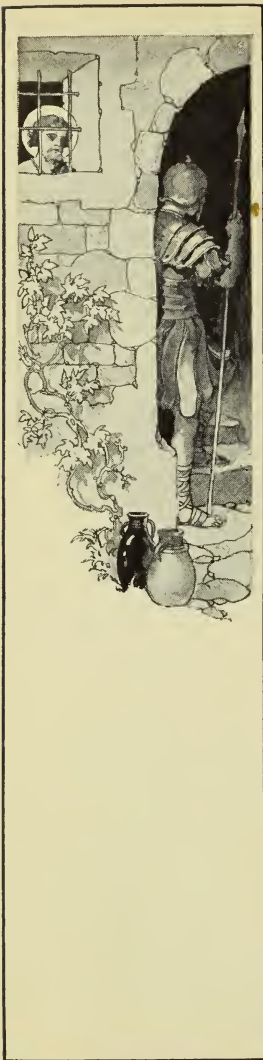
A wicked woman who was living in the king's palace at that time wanted John put to death so that he could not tell the truth any more.

The king knew that John was good. But to please the wicked woman, he ordered the soldiers to cut off John's head.

John was not afraid to die. For all his life he had loved God's Truth and had done what God wanted him to do.

This John is called Saint John the Baptist.

John  
Was  
not  
Afraid  
to  
Die



He was a Saint because he was filled with God's Love and Truth.

He is called the Baptist because he baptized those people who believed what he told them about the coming of God's Own Son, and were sorry for the bad things they had done.



## A Test

1. What did Saint John the Baptist tell the people when they came to him in the desert?
2. The people coming to John in the desert thought that he was another person. Who did they think he was?
3. Who did Saint John the Baptist say would begin to teach the people very soon?
4. Saint John was not afraid to die. Why?
5. Why was Saint John the Baptist called a "Saint"?

**G**OD'S Own Son was THE GREAT-EST AND THE HOLIEST TEACHER the world would ever have.

But until He was thirty years old, He did not go from place to place teaching the people.

When He was thirty years old, He went one day to the river Jordan where Saint John the Baptist was teaching and baptizing many people.

Saint John saw The Son of God among the people to be baptized.

**AND HE KNEW WHO HE WAS!**

Of course Saint John did not want to baptize The Son of God, and he said:

**A  
STORY  
ABOUT  
GOD'S  
OWN  
SON**

“A  
Voice  
from  
the  
Clouds”

“I ought to be baptized by Thee, and comest Thou to me?”

But God’s Own Son told Saint John to baptize Him just as he did the other people.

Saint John did as he was told to do.

And then, what do you think happened?

A Voice from the clouds was heard saying:

“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.”

You see God wanted all the world to know that His Own Beloved Son came to live upon this earth.

And He wanted all the world to know



that His Own Beloved Son was the  
God-Man.

For then everyone COULD ALWAYS  
BE SURE that He was The One sent to be  
The Great, True Teacher of us all,  
AND THE ONE

Who had the power to offer to His  
Father such great love and obedience  
that He would more than make up for  
the turning away from God of our first  
parents and all those who would come  
after them.

For they would know THAT HE  
WOULD KEEP ON offering to His  
Father great, great love and obedience  
EVEN WHEN THIS WOULD MEAN





“Art  
Thou  
the  
Christ?”

FOR HIM SUFFERING AND DEATH.

After God’s Own Son had left the river Jordan, He went to different places and taught the people the truth about THE ONE TRUE GOD. For to teach Truth is one reason why He came to live in this world.

But many wicked men hated Him because He was teaching God’s Truth and because He let them know that many of the things they were doing were very bad.

And one day a great and wicked leader of the people asked Him this question:

“ART THOU THE CHRIST,  
THE SON OF THE BLESSED GOD?”

He knew that the wicked men wanted

to kill Him. And He knew that they would kill Him if He told them the truth and said that He was the Son of God.

BUT HE ANSWERED: "I AM."

For His Father wanted all people until the end of the world TO BE SURE that He was His Own Beloved Son.

And He, too, wanted all people to be sure that He was God's Own Beloved Son. For He wanted them always to know that His teachings are True.



God's Own Son was called Jesus. And Book Three will tell more about Jesus.





## GOD'S OWN SON

Music by  
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God sent His own Be - lov - ed Son, To

teach the world and show the way Of goodness, beauty

and of truth; O let us learn of Him to - day.

The musical score is written in a grand staff format, consisting of a treble clef and a bass clef joined by a brace on the left. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

# A Test: Who?

## WHO SAID THE WORDS?

"Art thou the Christ, the Son of the blessed God?"

"I Am."

"This is My Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased."

"I ought to be baptized by Thee, and comest Thou to me?"

## WHO DID THE DEED?

God's Own Son went one day to the river Jordan where He was baptized.

They were cruel to Him because they hated Him.

After He left the river Jordan, He went to different places and taught the people.

## WHO WAS THE PERSON?

The greatest and holiest of all teachers.

He wanted people until the end of the world to know that His teachings are true.

He let the people know that The One Who had just been baptized was His Own Son.

To teach Truth is one reason why He came to live in this world.

..... has studied Book Two and has done this test correctly.



.....  
Parent's Signature

Ask your father or mother to write your name in the blank spaces and to sign this page.

- ..... has done correctly the tests on pages 4, 18, 20, 24.
- ..... can say or sing the verse on page 5.
- ..... can say or sing the verse on page 30.
- ..... can tell in a child's own words what this book teaches about the greatest of God's holy men.
- ..... can tell in a child's own words what this book teaches about God's Own Son.
- ..... has done neatly the following project work:

1. Draw or paste a picture of Tom praying. Write a sentence telling what Tom was asking God.

2. Children of Adam and Eve suffer from hard work, heat, cold, sickness and death. Paste one or more pictures showing that this sentence is true. Under the pictures, write sentences telling why all this suffering came into the world.

3. Paste a picture showing God's Own Son teaching the people.

Under the picture, write some sentences which tell what the picture teaches us.



.....  
Parent's Signature



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